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The Examiner's attention is directed to the references which are listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A. Citation of all the listed references is respectfully requested. Copies of the following three non-English references are enclosed: EP 0 235 616, DE 40 38 873 and DE 198 43 786.

Applicant notes that US Patent Nos. 3,419,304 and 5,074,614 were each cited in the International Search Report ("ISR") as an "A" reference. US Patent Publication 2002-0008396 is noted in the ISR as being a patent family member of cited German Patent DE 100 28 781, which is discussed in the Background section of the present application and is not submitted herewith as being cumulative of its US patent family member.

Applicant has submitted herewith a copy of the English abstract prepared by the European Patent Office for each of the enclosed non-English language references, specifically European Patent No. EP 0 235 616, German Patent No. DE 40 38 873, and German Patent No. DE 198 43 786. Thus, each enclosed abstract provides a concise explanation in English of the relevance of these references.

Further, Applicant notes that EP 0 235 616 is a patent family member of DE 36 06 759, which is discussed in the Background section of the present application. Thus, further concise explanations of the relevance of EP 0 235 616 are provided by both the Background section of the present patent application and the English language claims in EP 0 235 616.

Furthermore, as German Patent Nos. DE 40 38 873 and DE 198 43 786 are also discussed in the Background section of the present application, the Background section also provides an additional concise explanation of the relevance of each of these two references.

Finally, Applicant notes that US Patent No. 4,168,859 is a patent family member of German Patent No. DE 26 47 236 A, which is discussed in the Background section of the present patent application. As such, German Patent No. DE 26 47 236 A is not submitted herewith as being merely cumulative of the corresponding US patent reference.

No concession is made that any of these documents is prior art, and Applicant expressly reserves the right to antedate the documents as may be appropriate.

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